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SPECIAL AWARDS

The ACLS recently announced ten Special Awards for distinguished scholarly accomplishment in the humanities and social sciences. Each award amounts to $10,000. Applications for these awards were not received from persons on their own behalf; but nominations were sought from academic institutions, professional societies, and other sources.

Scholars chosen for this outstanding honor for the 1958-1959 academic year are:

Brand Blanshard (Philosophy), Yale University

J. N. Douglas Bush (English literature), Harvard University

Americo Castro (Spanish literature), Princeton University and the University of Houston

William B. Dinsmoor (Art and archaeology), Columbia University

Barker Fairley (German literature), University of Toronto

Arthur O. Lovejoy (Philosophy), Johns Hopkins University

George Vernadsky (Russian history), Yale University

Jacob Viner (Economics), Princeton University

Walter P. Webb (American history), University of Texas

Harry A. Wolfson (History of philosophy), Harvard University

The ACLS Committee on Special Awards was Whitney J. Oates (Classics), Princeton University, *Chairman*; Arthur E. Murphy (Philosophy), University of Washington; and Gaines Post (History), University of Wisconsin.

FELLOWSHIPS

For the first time in a number of years, the ACLS has been in a position to support a Fellowship Program. The announced purpose of these Fellowships is to provide opportunities for younger scholars to complete research projects in the humanities or to extend their competences by intensive study in a field or fields related to their areas of special interest. The awards are granted for suitable programs of post-doctoral research or study calling for at least six months of full-time work.

Applications were received from 575 scholars in forty-three states. A quarter of the applicants were in institutions west of the Mississippi; three-quarters in colleges and universities east of this dividing line.

The recipients of awards for tenure during 1958-1959, their departments, institutional connections, and the titles of their projects are listed below.

Nan Cooke Carpenter, Professor of English, Montana State University: Musical imagery and allusion in the works of John Milton

Donald Herbert Davidson, Associate Professor of Philosophy, Stanford University: The uses of reason in moral evaluation and decision

William A. Earle, Associate Professor of Philosophy, Northwestern University: Research in subjectivity

Irvin Ehrenpreis, Associate Professor of English, Indiana University: Biography of Jonathan Swift

Sydney Joseph Freedberg, Associate Professor of Fine Arts, Harvard University: A stylistic history of Roman and Florentine Painting

Charles C. Gillispie, Associate Professor of History, Princeton University: Completion of a book, *Science and the French Revolution*

Edmund I. Gordon, Research Associate, University of Pennsylvania Museum: The restoration, translation, and interpretation of the "Wisdom Literature" of the Sumerians

Michael H. Jameson, Associate Professor of Classical Studies, University of Pennsylvania: Historical study of classical Greek sacrifice

Hugh McLean, Assistant Professor of Slavic, Harvard University: Completion of a book on the literary development of Nikelaj Leskov

William G. Moulton, Professor of Modern Languages, Cornell University: Structural dialect geography of Swiss German

John Hine Mundy, Associate Professor of History, Columbia University: Studies in the constitutional, legal, and social history of medieval Toulouse and the French Midi

Charles Muscatine, Associate Professor of English and Assistant Dean of the College of Arts and Letters, University of California at Berkeley: Research in medieval literary stylistics, with emphasis on the relationships between style and culture

Philip Nochlin, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Vassar College: Critical history of British philosophy from 1900 to the present, with emphasis on the concept of legal form

Ernest Sirluck, Associate Professor of English, University of Chicago: Milton and the law of nature

Clarence L. Ver Steeg, Associate Professor of History, Northwestern University: The culture and society of the Southern Colonies, 1690-1973

Saul S. Weinberg, Professor of Classical Languages and Archaeology, University of Missouri: Aegean pre-history before 2000 B.C.

Nelson Ikon Wu, Instructor of the History of Art, Yale University: Study of landscape painting and intellectual movements in China, 1500-1800

The Fellowship Committee, selecting recipients of these awards, was composed of Sidney Painter (Medieval history), Johns Hopkins University, *Chairman*; Millard Meiss (Fine arts), Harvard University; Moody Prior (English literature), Northwestern University; Gertrude Smith (Classics), University of Chicago; and Arthur F. Wright (Chinese history), Stanford University.

The deadline for applications under the Fellowship Program, for tenure during 1959-1960, will be October 15, 1958.

GRANTS-IN-AID

The substantial grants to the ACLS from the Ford Foundation and the Carnegie Corporation of New York, announced a year ago, have also made possible a Grant-in-aid Program to provide funds for significant humanistic research in progress on the post-doctoral level. As a general rule, these grants are not made to provide free time for the scholar, except, in a few cases, for relief from summer school teaching. During the first year of the program, awards are to be made three times. The recipients listed below, together with departmental affiliation, institution, and title of project, are those who were

successful in the competition which closed on September 15, 1957. They were chosen from among 250 applicants, twenty-three percent of whom are established in colleges and universities west of the Mississippi and seventy-seven percent of whom are from institutions east of that natural boundary.

Willi Apel, Professor of Music, Indiana University: History of keyboard music to Bach

L. L. Barrett, Professor of Romance Languages, Washington and Lee University: Problems and methods of staging Guillén de Castro's dramas

Margarete Bieber, Associate Professor of Fine Arts and Archaeology (retired), Columbia University: History of the Greek and Roman theater (publication)

Oscar T. Broneer, Professor of Classical Archaeology, University of Chicago: Topographical survey of the Corinthian isthmus

Byrum E. Carter, Professor of Government, Indiana University: Religion and democracy

Rushton Coulborn, Professor of History, Atlanta University: Origins of civilized societies

Richard M. Douglas, Assistant Professor of History, Amherst College: Cardinal Jacopo Sadoleto (publication)

Ludwig Edelstein, Professor of Humanistic Studies, Johns Hopkins University: Ancient science—an interpretation of its principles, aims, and significance for Greek civilization

Charles Norman Fifer, Assistant Professor of English, Stanford University: An edition of the correspondence of Boswell with members of the Literary Club

John L. Fischer, Instructor and Research Associate, Laboratory of Human Development, Harvard University: Myths and tales of Truk and Ponape

Russell Alfred Fraser, Assistant Professor of English, Princeton University: King Lear in the Renaissance

Norwood Russell Hanson, Professor of Philosophy, Indiana University: Explanation and prediction in the history of planetary theory

Donald F. Lach, Associate Professor of History, University of Chicago: The impact of the East upon Europe: 16th century and before

Kenneth S. Lynn, Assistant Professor of English, Harvard University: Critical study of Mark Twain and Southwestern humor

James A. S. McPeek, Professor of English, University of Connecticut: History of English rogues and vagabonds and their influence in medieval and renaissance literature

Walter T. Pattison, Professor of Romance Languages, University of Minnesota: Studies of the journalistic works and novels of Pérez Galdós

Clyde Pharr, Research Professor of Classics (retired), University of Texas: Translation of the Code of Justinian

Walter M. Simon, Associate Professor of History, Cornell University: History of European positivism in the 19th century

Irving Singer, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of Michigan: A study of philosophical problems in the novels of Marcel Proust

Brian Tierney, Associate Professor of History, Catholic University of America: Studies in medieval canon law

Arnold Williams, Professor of English, Michigan State University: The attack on the friars in England, 1350-1450

Additional competitions for Grants-in-aid with tenure during 1958-1959 closed on January 15 and March 15. Recipients will be announced in later issues of the *Newsletter*. Competitions for Grants-in-aid for the 1959-1960 academic year will have only two closing dates: December 1, 1958 and March 1, 1959.

The Grant-in-aid Committee responsible for selections for the 1958-1959 academic year is composed of Robert Hoopes (English), ACLS, *Chairman*; W. K. Frankena (Philosophy), University of Michigan; Margaret Gilman (French), Bryn Mawr College; H. Stuart Hughes (Modern European history), Harvard University; and Charles Seymour, Jr. (History of art), Yale University.

Some years ago, under the Russian Translation Program, the ACLS sponsored the translation of P. O. Efimenko's "The Primary Society: Historical Outlines of the Paleolithic Period." The translation was never published, but it has been microfilmed. Copies of the microfilm can be obtained from the Centro de Documentacion, Museo Nacional de Historia, Castillo de Chapultepec, México D. F., México.

GIFTS AND GRANTS TO THE ACLS

At the Annual Meeting of the ACLS in January 1958, the following gifts and grants were reported to the Council. These are in addition to the annual payments to the ACLS under the five-year Ford Foundation and Carnegie

Corporation of New York grants announced in January 1957 and under the Ford Foundation's grant of two years ago for the Program in Oriental Languages.

Ford Foundation Total award, covering a seven-year period beginning 1957-1958 for revision of the *Short-title Catalogue of English Books,* under the direction of William A. Jackson, Houghton Library, Harvard University (The ACLS is fiscal agent.)	$88,500.00
Arabian-American Oil Company 1957-1958 portion of a five-year grant of $10,000 for the *Encyclopedia of Islam*	2,000.00
Bollingen Foundation	20,000.00
Rockefeller Foundation Summer study aids in linguistics, 1957	10,000.00
National Science Foundation Summer study aids in linguistic problems of machine translation, 1957	6,000.00
Houghton Foundation	25,000.00
Broadcast Music, Inc.	625.00
New York *Times* Waiver of royalties on the *Dictionary of American Biography* as a contribution toward the publication of Supplement III	7,665.26
Department of State Contracts for planning portions of the Sixth National Conference of the U. S. National Commission for UNESCO	400.00
Various universities Payment of lectures given under the auspices of the Committee on the History of Religions	950.00
Jacques Barzun First royalties from *Music in American Life,* contributed for the use of the Committee on Music and Musicology	600.00
Anonymous donor Contribution toward expenses of a participant in the Luso-Brazilian Congress	550.00
Anonymous donor	300.00

Renaissance and Modern Studies, an annual, has been inaugurated by the University of Nottingham under the editorship of Dr. V. de S. Pinto. The volumes are intended for articles by members of the Nottingham staff; the scope is the humanities and the relevant time-span, "roughly 1500 to the present." Articles in Volume I deal with D. H. Lawrence, Thomas Middleton, Collingwood, British political history, early 17th-century British coal mines, and Alexander Hergen.

ACLS GRANTS

During 1957 the Board of Directors authorized a number of grants from ACLS funds:

Contribution toward the Second Congress of the International Comparative Literature Association (University of North Carolina, September 1958)	$3,000.00
Contribution to the International Union of Academies for support of the Assyrian Dictionary	500.00
Small conference on Latin America (April 11, 1958, New York City)	1,000.00
Contribution to the Southern Humanities Conference for support of a small meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, on "Industry and the Humanities"	700.00
Contribution to Far Eastern Publications, Yale University, toward the publication of a second section of *A List of Published Translations from Chinese into English, French, and German*	1,100.00
Contribution to the Pacific Coast Committee on the Humanities for support of a conference on "Current Problems in Cultural Interpretation"	2,000.00

UNESCO: Purpose, Progress, Prospects, has recently been published by Indiana University Press. Written by Walter H. C. Laves, a member of the Board of Directors of the ACLS, Professor of Government at Indiana University, and former Deputy Director General of UNESCO, and Charles A.

Thomson, this book is an authoritative and complete appraisal of UNESCO's first ten years. It answers such questions as: Why was UNESCO established? What has it accomplished? Who makes its program? What have been the policies of the United States and other countries toward UNESCO?

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